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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 July 2003 and 01 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 27-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 27-30 and 33-52 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 31 and 32 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/501,364.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

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Detailed Action

The following is responsive to the preliminary amendment received July 15, 2003 and March 1, 2004.

Claims 1-26 are cancelled. New claims 27-52 are added.

Claims 27-52 are currently pending.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement received July 15, 2003 has been considered. Please refer to Applicant's copy of the 1449 submitted herewith.

Claim Objection(s)

Claims 31, 32 are objected to because of the following informalities: in claims 31 and 32, lines 1-2, "acid sensitive agent" should be deleted and replaced with – serotonergic compound—so as to be consistent with the language of claim 30. Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 27-52 are free from the prior art because the prior art does not disclose or fairly suggest the claimed compositions.

Conclusion

Claims 31-32 are objected to.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Cybille Delacroix at telephone number (571) 272-0572.

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